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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM (S/S 7514077)

MESSAGE TO MOTHER AND WIFE OF COL. MORGAN

FOR SECRETARY VIA ATHERTON FROM EAGLEBURGER AND SOBER

1. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED OUR PUBLIC OFFICIAL REACTION TO COLONEL MORGAN'S ABDUCTION AND THE THREAT ON HIS LIFE. SUCH STATEMENTS AS HAVE BEEN MADE HAVE COME FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AT THE REGULAR NOON PRESS BRIEFINGS. MEANWHILE, THE PRESSURE ON MORGAN'S FAMILY REMAINS HIGH, AND WE NOW HAVE THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER AGONIZING WAIT UNDER THE NEW DEADLINE OF 1400 WASHINGTON TIME SATURDAY.

2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO SEND MESSAGES TO MORGAN'S MOTHER (IN VIRGINIA) AND WIFE (IN ANKARA) ALONG THE  
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FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MRS. JOHNSON (MORGAN'S MOTHER): MY THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT AND ANGUISHING TIME. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING OUR UTMOST TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF YOUR SON ERNEST, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. MRS. KISSINGER JOINS ME IN OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT COL. MORGAN WILL SOON BE RETURNED TO HIS FAMILY UNHARMED. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER END QUOTE.

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MRS. MORGAN: I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SYMPATHIZE DEEPLY WITH YOU DURING THIS PERIOD OF YOUR HUSBAND'S DETENTION IN BEIRUT. I FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR UNCERTAINTY AND ANGUISH, AND ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENTS ARE BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF YOUR HUSBAND.

MRS. KISSINGER AND I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT COLONEL MORGAN WILL BE RELEASED PROMPTLY AND IN GOOD HEALTH TO REJOIN HIS FAMILY. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOUR MESSAGES BE MADE PUBLIC. AMBASSADOR GODLEY DOES NOT THINK THAT MESSAGES OF THIS TYPE AND PUBLIC COVERAGE OF THEM WOULD COMPLICATE THE CHANCES OF MORGAN'S RELEASE UNHARMED.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE SENDING THE ABOVE MESSAGES TO MORGAN'S WIFE AND MOTHER.

APPROVE:

DISAPPROVE:

THAT YOU APPROVE THESE MESSAGES BEING MADE PUBLIC.

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